

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4, 11, and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by McHugh, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,226,500). The Examiner also notices McHugh and the invention have the same assignee.

Applicant has canceled claim 21-23 because they are too broad to precisely reflect the spirit of the invention that the stiffener includes at least one spring finger (*for exerting the resilient force*) and at least one latch (*for resisting such a resilient force*) for holding the housing in position relative to the stiffener under a condition that in the industry the stiffener itself is now used as a standard part to grasp the housing while without any spring fingers involved therein for locating purpose.

Anyhow, the present invention claims the Taiwan priority with the priority date of 01/22/2003 predating the McHugh's filing date of 04/17/2003. Therefore, McHugh should not be the prior art anticipating the present claimed invention. *Attachment is a certified copy of the Taiwan priority application filed on January 22, 2003 and the corresponding translation.*

On the other hand, in McHugh both elements 124 and 125 are essentially the latches for respectively locking to respective corresponding complementary means on the housing, NOT like the spring finger 129 and the latch 128 in the instant application which are required to cooperate with each other for holding the housing in the stiffener in position.

For all the above reasons, Applicant asserts that all the pending claims 1-20 are patentably distinguishable from the prior art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, and that an action to this effect is earnestly requested.

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